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A SAFE DEPARTURE AFTER
A PLEASANT VISIT.

Queen Victoria is now on Board the Royal Yacht at Holyhead on Her Way to London--Honors Conferred Upon Irish Mayors.

Dublin April 23--Queen Victoria and Princess Christian and Henry of Battenberg left the viceregal lodge at noon and drove to King's bridge station on their way to Kingstown and England. Large crowds at every point of vantage gave Her Majesty a loyal farewell. The train started for Kingstown at 12.30 amidst the heartiest demonstrations. Enormous numbers of people followed the Queen to Kingstown and occupied the piers and other places from which the royal yacht Victoria and Albert was visible. A memorable demonstration occurred as Her Majesty, attended by a brilliant suite, boarded the yacht, which steamed seaward at 1.15 p. m., amid the firing of a royal salute by the fleet and hearty and prolonged cheering from the throngs lining the water-side. London, April 26--The royal yacht arrived at Holyhead at the moment it was expected. The channel fleet fired a royal salute as Her Majesty's yacht anchored. The town was profusely decorated and this evening there was a general illumination. The channel fleet proceeded to Milford Haven. The Queen and her suite will remain on board the yacht until tomorrow morning, when the party will take a train for Windsor. Dublin, April 26--Before her departure from this city the Queen briefly conversed with the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and expressed her regret that she was

obliged to leave. She said she had a most pleasant visit and intimated that she hoped to be able to return. The Queen conferred baronetcies upon the Lord Mayors of Dublin and Belfast, the title of Lord Mayor of the Mayor of Cork and his successors in office, and knighthood upon the Mayor of Cork and the Mayor of Londonderry. Her Majesty gave £1,000 to be distributed among the poor in the Dublin hospitals. By the Queen's command Earl Cadogan, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has published the following: "The Queen is very anxious before leaving Ireland where she has spent a most agreeable time, to express through the Lord Lieutenant to her Irish people, how much gratified and how deeply touched she has been by her reception here during the three weeks the Queen has spent in this charming place. She has been received by all ranks and creeds with an enthusiasm and affection which could not be surpassed. Each time the Queen came before with her dear husband they kindly and warmly welcomed her; but on this occasion, after the lapse of 30 years, her reception equaled that of previous visits; and she carries away the most pleasant and most affectionate memory of the time spent in Ireland. "The Queen earnestly prays that good will and harmony may prevail among all her people and that they may be happy and prosperous."

A SHORT, SAD SESSION.

Parliament Adjourned Because of the Fire.

NO LIGHT TO BE HAD.

Aid Brought to the Capital at the Expense of the Government-- Militia Called Out Promptly-- The Adjournment Concurred in by the Opposition.

Ottawa, April 26--The House of Commons only sat for a few minutes today. Sir Wilfrid said that the meeting took place in very sad circumstances, owing to the terrible fire which was raging over the city. The Ottawa electric light plant was destroyed, he said, and the house could not meet for some days. With the concurrence of the leader of the opposition, he moved that the house stand adjourned until Tuesday next. The premier said that the acting minister of public works had sent the following message to the mayors of Montreal, Peterboro and Brockville: "Please send to Ottawa by special train, at the government's expense, whatever fire apparatus and other assistance you can spare to help in fighting a disastrous conflagration here. It is most urgent as the fire is spreading with dangerous rapidity."

PLEASANT TASK OF MAKING GRIEVANCES.

Gallery Letter on the Doings of Clarke Wallace and Other Complainers.

COL. RYERSON ADVANCED.

BLOEMFONTEIN, April 26--Colonel Ryerson, hitherto the Canadian Red Cross commissioner, has been appointed British Red Cross commissioner at Lord Roberts headquarters.

CANADA'S CAPITAL SCOURGED BY FIRE.

Twenty Million Dollars Damage to Ottawa and Hull and Fifteen Thousand People Made Homeless-- A Dirty Chimney and a High Wind Cause Great Destruction.

Ottawa, April 26--Five square miles of territory burned over; more than 2,500 dwellings, factories and other buildings destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000, and between 12,000 and 15,000 men women and children homeless, is a rough summing up early this morning of the results of the fire which has been raging at Hull and in Ottawa since 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and up to midnight was not completely under control. Most of the lumber piles in Ottawa and Hull have disappeared and are now mere heaps of only charred wood and ashes. Half a dozen churches and schools, a number of mills, the Hull waterworks, the Hull Court House and jail, the post office, the convent, almost every business place, and about 1,000 dwellings and shops in Hull have been destroyed. Indeed practically nothing of Hull is left but a church and a few houses beyond it. In this city it is estimated that besides the mills, factories, etc., burned, 1,200 residences were destroyed. The total insurance is estimated at \$2,500,000.

The spot where the fire originated is about a quarter of a mile from the main street of Hull, and as a gale was blowing from the northwest right in the direction of the lumber piles and mills on both Hull and Ottawa shores of the Ottawa river and Chaudiere falls, it was soon seen that the fire was almost certain to be a large one. By half past 11 the fire had got a hold of Main street and the entire street, with dozens of cross streets, was burned. Practically there is not a house left in the street. About this time the fire made a jump of nearly half a mile and ignited Eddy's wood yard near the match factory. Hull was soon in flames and the 20-mile-a-hour gale which was blowing drove a high column of flame across Bridge street and set fire to the Eddy paper mill on both Hull and Ottawa shores. The fire at this time also sprang across the Ottawa river and caught the sheds in the rear of the Victoria Island, and in a few minutes the lumber piles on Victoria and Chaudiere Islands, one of the power houses of the Ottawa Electric Company, the Victoria foundry, and half the buildings on the two islands were in flames. While the Victoria and Chaudiere Islands were being consumed the fire made another jump and caught in the freight sheds of the C. P. R. yards at the Chaudiere, and soon the rolling stock and most of the freight and baggage had been removed but in a very short time the fire had spread to the sheds and were fire swept. The mass of fire was blown by the wind which stifled continued to blow a gale down upon Rochesville, Mechanicsville, Hintonburg, consuming everything in its way. The fire also devastated the little settlement of St. Mary's village. The flames spread along the Richmond road, burning Martin & Warner's flour mill and extending almost to Skead's mill, some three miles beyond the city limits.

At 5 o'clock there was almost a continuation of the fire from its starting place, Chaudiere street, Hull, to the St. Louis dam and the Experimental Farm in one direction and in another, a distance of nearly seven miles. In some places the fire was more than half a mile deep. Ottawa, April 26--(Special)--The city of Hull has been burning since noon today, and all that remains at the present time is a small corner in the east end of the city and before long it, too, will be entirely a mass of smoking ruins. The city of Hull has a population of 12,000 people and more than half are honest workmen. The entire business part of the city, including the court house, post office and public buildings, newspaper offices, is a mass of smoking ruins. The city is entirely composed of people who work in the mills or who derive their business from these works. The fire crossed the Ottawa river in the afternoon, took hold among the lumber piles on the bank of the river, and extended to the lumber yards and mills. The result is that the whole of that part of Ottawa known as the Chaudiere Flats, surrounding the Canadian Pacific Railway depot, where the lumber mills are all located, is fire swept. The only building standing in the whole area is that of the Ottawa Carbide Factory, which is newly erected and fire proof. From the flats the fire extended across the Richmond road on to Rochesville, and as far as the Experimental Farm. Western the fire took to the city the large exhibition building to accommodate the unfortunate sufferers. All the institutions in the city which have any accommodation at all have lent a hand to aid the distressed.

The only industry left standing in Hull is the Gilmour & Huston lumber mills at the extreme east end, beyond the city limits, near Gatineau Point, and it is still in danger. The large Roman Catholic cathedral is still standing, but the flames are surrounding it, and it is only a matter of time before it will be completely under control. At midnight the fire was completely under control. J. R. Booth's principal lumber yards at St. Louis dam have all been saved, but from that north to the Ottawa river all the rest of the city is consumed. On the east side the burned area is bounded by the old Ottawa & St. Lawrence track and on the west by Division street. It is impossible tonight to get the individual losses. It is estimated tonight that there were 1,500 residences burned in Ottawa and over 800 in Hull. Insurance Companies Suffer. Montreal, April 26--The Montreal insurance companies are hit very hard by the Ottawa-Hull fire. The biggest losers will be the Royal Indemnity, whose loss is estimated at nearly half a million dollars. Toronto, April 26--Insurance companies with headquarters here are largely interested in the Ottawa-Hull fire but their risks are mainly in a section of Ottawa not reported reached by fire. A rough estimate given by the underwriters of companies here tonight places their losses in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IS NOT COMING.

Semi-official Statement That He Will Not Visit the Lady of the Snows This Summer.

Toronto, April 26--The Telegram's special cable from London says: "Your correspondent visited Marlborough House today and made inquiries as to the likelihood of H. R. H. Prince of Wales visiting Canada. Sir Francis Knollys, groom in waiting, was seen. He declined to speak officially, but said it was safe to say there was not the slightest probability of the heir apparent going to Canada in 1900."

CHANGE OF DATES.

The Canadian Mail Steamers Sailing Schedule Altered.

Montreal, April 26--(Special)--Changes have been made in the sailing dates of the Montreal-Dempster-Bearline mail steamers. Commencing with the Lake Megantic, Friday, May 4, the steamers of this line will sail from Montreal Friday morning instead of Wednesday as heretofore, and commencing with the Lake Ontario, May 1, the sailings from Liverpool will be Tuesdays instead of Saturdays.

TRAMPS ARRESTED.

Woodstock Authorities Gather in Three of Them--One a St. John Man.

MONCTON NEWS.

Sentenced to Six Months--Arrested for Fighting.

TORONTO HORSE SHOW

Opened by the Lieutenant Governor Yesterday.

Little Minister in Politics.

London, April 26--Mr. James M. Barr, the novelist, has accepted the invitation of a committee to contest the vacancy in the representation in the House of Commons of Edinburgh and St. Andrew's universities, provided the Liberals of the constituency generally approve of his candidacy.

First in Port.

Montreal, April 26--The Elder-Dempster steamer Lake Megantic, the first one west of the season, arrived here this evening, followed shortly afterwards by the Dominion liner Vancouver.

THE BOER ARMY ESCAPED FROM POLE-CAREW.

The Dutch Too Nimble for British Horsemen--French's Cavalry Not Reported--The Story of Reddersburg--Dr. Ryerson Promoted.

London, April 27, 5 a. m.--General Ian Hamilton, of Veldersdorp, drove the Boers from a strong position at Israel's Post, which lies between Sannas Post and Thaba N'chu. General Hamilton has probably by this time arrived at Thaba N'chu as he is using his utmost endeavors to cut off the Boers who are retreating from Dewet's Dorp. A report comes that a small force of British mounted infantry had a brush 10 miles east of Karree Siding with a party of Boers who were trying to establish a connection between Brandfort and the Boer forces to the southward. Otherwise there is no news beyond the official despatches of recent operations. Bloemfontein, April 26--General Pole-Carew's forces are seven miles north of Dewet's Dorp. They are disappointed at the failure to surround the Boers, but believe the march will have a good effect on the Free Staters. The latter, trusting to British leniency, had played the game of pretending to surrender and were given opportunity to fight. Wherever he had found Free Staters who had broken the oath, General Pole-Carew seized their cattle and horses. "The British soon found themselves surrounded. They had, indeed, fallen into a beautiful trap, for they were commanded at every point by the Boer guns, while their force was separated on two kopjes with the Boers in between. "At sunrise on Wednesday the Boer guns commenced to hurl shells into the devoted Irishmen who, however, refused to surrender, but fought with the utmost fierceness for three hours. At 10 o'clock, however, the British commanding officer saw that further resistance would only involve a useless waste of life, as his military position was quite hopeless, and he therefore hoisted a white flag. "Twelve officers sorrowfully handed over their swords to General Dewet, and 420 non-commissioned officers and men surrendered. All the prisoners were forthwith sent to Thaba N'chu under escort, and General Dewet continued his march toward Weenen."

BOER REPORT OF THE SITUATION

Several Days Ago--According to the Boers the Boers are Winning.

Brandfort, Orange Free State, April 22--(Monday)--A British column in the direction of Bloemfontein and Hoopstad has been beaten back through Boshof. The British sustained two casualties and the Boers had 12 men killed and a number wounded. Yesterday Gen. Kelly-Kenny's artillery at Dewet's Dorp indulged in a mild bombardment of Gen. Dewet's position, the firing lasting through the morning.

A FULL CARGO OF CANADIAN REMOUNTS.

A Ship to Sail from Montreal May 15.

A CANADIAN'S DESCRIPTION OF BOER SHOOTING.

Had Lost the Tip of his Tongue and said They Were Reckless With their Guns.

IRISH FOUGHT WELL BEFORE SURRENDERING.

They Walked Into a Trap at Reddersburg as Broadwood Did at Sannas Post.

The Dutch Queen.

Amsterdam, April 26--Queen Wilhelmina, receiving in audience a deputation from the Journalists' Club, complimented the president, Dr. Kruper, on his article in the Revue Des Deux Mondes on the subject of the South African crisis; and expressed the hope that the article would be widely read. Her majesty added she considered it important that the article should be distributed in America.

Cholera in India.

London, April 27--A special despatch from Bombay says: "The cholera is raging fearfully at the Great Camp at Godha where thousands of famine stricken natives are receiving relief. A hundred and fifty corpses were removed yesterday; but 10 others had to be left because it was impossible to procure bearers."

Again in the Asylum.

New York, April 26--Stelmitz, the chess player, was arraigned in the Hartley police court and committed to the Bellevue hospital, where he was placed in the insane ward.

THE TIMES ON THE FIRE.

LONDON, April 27--The Times says editorially this morning: "Great Britain must help Canada, who is lavishing her blood and treasure in South Africa, by contributing to the funds for the victims of the Ottawa fire."